



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Fibromyalgia is a chronic pain illness affecting over ten million people in the United States, which can take years to diagnose; and
- WHEREAS: While fibromyalgia has no known cure, early diagnosis and treatment can reduce disability and symptoms such as body pain, fatigue, sleep disorders, stiffness, weakness, headaches, and impaired memory/concentration; and
- WHEREAS: Increased awareness by the public, healthcare providers, and policymakers of the daily challenges of fibromyalgia, its impact on patients' quality of life may reduce the stigma of this illness; and
- WHEREAS: People with fibromyalgia deserve to be treated with the same dignity and respect to which all Minnesotans are entitled; and
- WHEREAS: The National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association, a nonprofit 501c3 charitable organization, and others have joined together to advocate for fibromyalgia awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 12, 2017, as:

## FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE